

Catholic American has scarcely bestowed one-sixth of one cent. Of course we have, with God's blessing, done wonders. We have not moved mountains, perhaps, but we have raised them, in the way of building churches, schools, asylums, etc. We have preserved the faith among the masses of our immigrants, and this is very much the same as propagating it. Now that we are, most of us, in what may be considered easy circumstances, should we not think not only of our needy brethren within the limits of the Republic, but also of the heathen world beyond? The rights of property are sacred, and to the owner belongs its administration, but the rich must still remember that they are only stewards of God and that their surplus belongs to the disinherited ones. This is true of churches as well as of individuals.

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When will we Catholics imitate the various Protestant societies in their endeavor to Christianize the world? In view of their strenuous efforts, can we sit coldly and idly in the selfish enjoyment of our blessed lot? Verily they appear to be "wiser in their generation than the children of light." Do we know, all of us, that the non-Catholic Christians of these United States alone send more than six million dollars a year to support missions abroad, not to speak of what they spend on those at home, while all the Catholics of the world contribute for the Society of Foreign Missions not more than a million and a quarter? "It is lawful to learn even from an enemy," according to the proverb. It is true that on account of their poverty, celibacy and obedience of our missionaries, they are able, despite their small resources, to do far more than those others with all their money—this all travelers acknowledge—but there is no doubt the results would be more satisfactory if the means were greater.

Over three hundred dioceses and vicariates apostolic, with their priests, nuns, churches, orphanages and schools are mainly supported by that million and a quarter collected by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Oh! if we of the United States would contribute our share, gold or mite, what an impetus it would give to the civilizing and sanctifying of the world! Perhaps we priests might on reflection think well to do without some unnecessary expenditure in our church buildings, houses, etc., and raise new and living temples to the Lord. So will a blessing come back to us, and we will not be obliged to bar our gates against a heathen foreigner, but will welcome brothers in faith and civilization; so will our people become enlarged in their ideas of the peoples of the globe and of the size and variety of our great Catholic family; so will all our bosoms glow with generosity and love; for the Holy Ghost, who inflamed the Apostles on the day He sent them forth to convert the world, will fill the hearts of all who do their part in spreading the light of the truth and renewing the face of the earth. "Cast thy bread upon the running waters; for after a long time thou shalt find it again." Eccles. xi., 1.

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CHEER UP.

Never go gloomily, man with a mind!
 Hope is a better companion than fear.
 Providence, ever benignant and kind,
 Gives with a smile what you take with a tear;
 All will be right,
 Look to the light,
 Morning is ever the daughter of night, —
 All that was black will be all that is bright,
Cheer up!

Many a foe is a friend in disguise,
 Many a sorrow a blessing most true,
 Helping the heart to be happy and wise,
 With lore ever precious and joys ever new.
 Stand in the van!
 Strive like a man!

This is the bravest and cleverest plan, —
 Trusting in God, while you do what you can,
Cheer up!